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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Devore".

Ron Devore

cc: Alan Cannon

IMATTERNO	COUNTRYID	TYPE	SERIALNO	FILE	PATENTNO	ISSUE	TITLE
GUID-001	US	UTL	08/419,991	4/10/1995	5,888,247	3/30/1999	METHOD FOR CORONARY ARTERY
GUID-001CIP	US	UTL	08/889,616	7/ 7/1997	5,947,125	9/ 7/1999	METHOD FOR CORONARY ARTERY
GUID-001CON	US	UTL	09/340,913	6/28/1999	6,167,889	1/ 2/2001	METHOD FOR CORONARY ARTERY
GUID-001CON2	US	UTL	09/660,284	9/12/2000			METHOD FOR CORONARY ARTERY
GUID-001CON3	US	UTL	09/956,616	9/17/2001			METHOD FOR CORONARY ARTERY
GUID-001CON4	US	UTL	10/338,487	1/ 7/2003			METHOD FOR CORONARY ARTERY
GUID-001DIV	US	UTL	09/390,821	9/ 7/1999	6,332,468	12/25/2001	METHOD FOR CORONARY ARTERY
GUID-002	US	UTL	08/521,639	8/31/1995			METHOD FOR CORONARY ARTERY
GUID-003	US	UTL	08/603,328	2/20/1996	5,727,569	3/17/1998	SURGICAL DEVICES FOR IMPOSING
GUID-003CIP	US	UTL	08/790,828	1/23/1997	5,906,607	5/25/1999	SURGICAL DEVICES FOR IMPOSING
GUID-003CON	US	UTL	09/318,504	5/25/1999			SURGICAL DEVICES FOR IMPOSING
GUID-003CON2	US	UTL	10/216,616	8/ 8/2002			SURGICAL DEVICES FOR IMPOSING
GUID-003CON3	US	UTL	10/020,451	12/14/2001			SURGICAL DEVICES FOR IMPOSING
GUID-003DIV	US	UTL	08/870,687	6/ 6/1997	6,032,672	3/ 7/2000	SURGICAL DEVICES FOR IMPOSING
GUID-003DIV2	US	UTL	09/440,106	11/15/1999			SURGICAL DEVICES FOR IMPOSING
GUID-004	US	UTL	08/603,411	2/20/1996	5,651,378	7/29/1997	METHOD OF USING VAGAL NERVE S
GUID-004CIP	US	UTL	08/887,527	7/ 3/1997			METHOD OF USING VAGAL NERVE S
GUID-004CON	US	UTL	08/935,126	9/22/1997	5,913,876	6/22/1999	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USI
GUID-004CON2	US	UTL	09/338,303	6/22/1999	6,308,104	10/23/2001	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USI
GUID-004DIV	US	UTL	09/574,586	5/17/2000	6,381,499	4/30/2002	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USI
GUID-005	US	UTL	08/603,758	2/20/1996	5,894,843	4/20/1999	SURGICAL METHOD FOR STABILIZIN
GUID-005CIP	US	UTL	08/789,751	1/27/1997	6,346,077	2/12/2002	SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005CIP2	US	UTL	08/931,158	9/16/1997	6,036,641	3/14/2000	SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005CIP3	US	UTL	09/305,813	5/ 4/1999	6,290,644	9/18/2001	SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005CON	US	UTL	09/832,356	4/ 9/2001			SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005CON2	US	UTL	09/975,392	10/10/2001			SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005CON3	US	UTL	10/007,550	11/ 6/2001			SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005CON4	US	UTL	10/071,056	2/ 8/2002			DEVICE FOR SEALING A VESSEL DU
GUID-005CON5	US	UTL	10/100,314	3/14/2002			SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005DIV	US	UTL	09/099,855	6/18/1998	6,050,266	4/18/2000	SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005DIV2	US	UTL	09/525,774	3/13/2000	6,394,951	5/28/2002	SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005DIV3	US	UTL	09/102,827	6/23/1998	6,213,941	4/10/2001	SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005DIV4	US	UTL	09/550,447	4/17/2000	6,315,717	11/13/2001	SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-005DIV5	US	UTL	09/866,109	5/25/2001			SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PRO
GUID-006	US	UTL	08/604,161	2/20/1996	5,730,757	3/24/1998	ACCESS PLATFORM FOR INTERNAL
GUID-006CIP	US	UTL	08/619,903	3/20/1996	5,976,171	11/ 2/1999	ACCESS PLATFORM FOR INTERNAL
GUID-006CIP2	US	UTL	08/787,748	1/27/1997			ACCESS PLATFORM FOR INTERNAL
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GUID-006CON2	US	UTL	09/378,292	8/20/1999	6,478,734	11/12/2002	ACCESS PLATFORM FOR INTERNAL
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GUID-006CON5	US	UTL	09/480,826	1/10/2000			ACCESS PLATFORM FOR INTERNAL
GUID-006CON6	US	UTL	09/480,828	1/10/2000			ACCESS PLATFORM FOR INTERNAL
GUID-006CON7	US	UTL	10/231,955	8/30/2002			ACCESS PLATFORM FOR INTERNAL
GUID-006DIV	US	UTL	09/431,362	11/ 1/1999			ACCESS PLATFORM FOR INTERNAL
GUID-007	US	UTL	08/752,741	11/14/1996	5,875,782	3/ 2/1999	METHODS AND DEVICES FOR MINIM
GUID-007DIV	US	UTL	09/108,928	7/ 1/1998			METHODS AND DEVICES FOR MINIM
GUID-007DIV2	US	UTL	09/602,589	6/21/2000			METHODS AND DEVICES FOR MINIM
GUID-008	US	UTL	09/071,757	5/ 1/1998	6,199,556	3/13/2001	XYPHOID ACCESS FOR CARDIAC SU
GUID-008CON	US	UTL	09/757,128	1/ 8/2001			XYPHOID ACCESS FOR CARDIAC SU
GUID-009	US	UTL	09/118,132	7/16/1998			METHODS AND DEVICES FOR STABI
GUID-009CON	US	UTL	09/687,257	10/12/2000			METHODS AND DEVICES FOR STABI
GUID-010	US	UTL	09/305,803	5/ 4/1999	6,231,506	5/15/2001	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CRE
GUID-010CON	US	UTL	09/758,521	1/10/2001			METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CRE
GUID-011	US	UTL	09/305,810	5/ 4/1999	6,331,158	12/18/2001	SURGICAL RETRACTOR APPARATUS
GUID-011CIP	US	UTL	09/372,661	8/11/1999			APPARATUS FOR POSITIONING AND
GUID-011CIP2	US	UTL	09/452,760	12/ 1/1999			METHODS AND DEVICES FOR IMPR
GUID-011CIP3	US	UTL	09/958,263	3/ 6/2002			SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR ACC
GUID-012	US	UTL	09/305,811	5/ 4/1999	6,283,912	9/ 4/2001	SURGICAL RETRACTOR PLATFORM
GUID-012CON	US	UTL	09/900,503	7/ 6/2001			SURGICAL RETRACTOR PLATFORM
GUID-012CON2	US	UTL	10/322,966	12/18/2002			SURGICAL RETRACTOR PLATFORM
GUID-014	US	UTL	09/366,190	8/ 3/1999	6,511,416	1/28/2003	TISSUE STABILIZER AND METHODS
GUID-014CON	US	UTL	10/272,036	10/15/2002			TISSUE STABILIZER AND METHODS
GUID-015	US	UTL	09/398,535	9/16/1999	6,406,424	6/18/2002	TISSUE STABILIZER HAVING AN ART
GUID-015CON	US	UTL	10/137,643	4/30/2002			TISSUE STABILIZER HAVING AN ART
GUID-016	US	UTL	08/850,150	5/ 2/1997	6,190,311	2/20/2001	RETRACTOR AND INSTRUMENT PLA

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GUID-017	US	UTL					TISSUE STABILIZER HAVING TENSIO
GUID-018	US	UTL					DUAL MODE TISSUE STABILIZER
GUID-019	US	UTL					SECONDARY TISSUE STABILIZATION
GUID-020	US	UTL					SYSTEM FOR LESS INVASIVE VALVE
GUID-021	US	UTL	09/769,964	1/24/2001			SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR STAB
GUID-022	US	UTL	07/706,781	5/29/1991			PROPERITONEAL MECHANICAL RET
GUID-022CIP	US	UTL	07/890,033	5/28/1992			PROPERITONEAL MECHANICAL RET
GUID-022CIP2	US	UTL	08/279,290	7/22/1994			APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CRE
GUID-022CON	US	UTL	08/253,184	6/ 2/1994			PROPERITONEAL MECHANICAL RET
GUID-022CON2	US	UTL	08/341,708	11/18/1994			PROPERITONEAL MECHANICAL RET
GUID-022CON3	US	UTL	08/062,707	5/18/1993			APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CRE
GUID-022CON4	US	UTL	08/668,827	6/24/1996	5,676,636	10/14/1997	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CRE
GUID-022CON5	US	UTL	08/869,830	6/ 5/1997	5,823,946	10/20/1998	METHOD FOR CREATING A MEDIAST
GUID-022DIV	US	UTL	08/620,264	3/22/1996			PROPERITONEAL MECHANICAL RET
GUID-022DIV2	US	UTL	08/869,391	6/ 5/1997	5,941,819	8/24/1999	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CRE
GUID-023	US	UTL	09/400,326	9/21/1999	6,287,250	9/11/2001	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CAR
GUID-024	US	UTL	08/936,184	9/17/1997	6,019,722	2/ 1/2000	DEVICE TO PERMIT OFFPUMP BEATI
GUID-024CIP	US	UTL	09/087,511	5/29/1998	6,338,712	1/15/2002	DEVICE TO PERMIT OFFPUMP BEATI
GUID-024CIP2	US	UTL	09/109,924	7/ 2/1998	6,390,976	5/21/2002	DEVICE TO PERMIT OFFPUMP BEATI
GUID-024CON	US	UTL	09/441,542	11/16/1999	6,361,493	3/26/2002	DEVICE TO PERMIT OFFPUMP BEATI
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GUID-024CON3	US	UTL	09/956,418	9/18/2001			DEVICE TO PERMIT OFFPUMP BEATI
GUID-024CON4	US	UTL	10/025,941	12/20/2001			DEVICE TO PERMIT OFFPUMP BEATI
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GUID-024CON8	US	UTL					DEVICE TO PERMIT OFFPUMP BEATI
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GUID-026	US	UTL					FLUTED SHAFT
GUID-027	US	UTL					HEART POSITIONER
GUID-028	US	UTL	09/390,792	9/ 7/1999	6,506,149	1/14/2003	ORGAN MANIPULATOR HAVING SUC
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GUID-029	US	UTL					ORGAN MANIPULATOR HAVING SUC
GUID-030	US	UTL					VACUUM-ASSIST CARDIAC SUCTION
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GUID-032	US	UTL					HEART MANIPULATION APPARATUS
GUID-033	US	UTL					SUCTION STABILIZATION APPARTUS
GUID-034	US	UTL					ENDOSCOPIC HEART MANIPULATIO
GUID-035	US	UTL	10/283,784	10/29/2002			TISSUE STABILIZER AND METHODS
GUID-036	US	UTL					SUB-XYPHOID THORACIC RETRACT
GUID-037	US	UTL					DEVICE FOR PERFORMING A PROXI
GUID-037CIP	US	UTL					DEVICE FOR PERFORMING A PROXI
GUID-038	US	UTL	09/654,605	9/ 1/2000			METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PER
GUID-038CIP	US	UTL					TUBULAR ANASTOMOSIS RING HAVI
GUID-038PRV	US	PRV	60/152,001	9/ 1/1999			METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PER
GUID-039	US	UTL	09/410,487	9/30/1999	6,306,116	10/23/2001	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRE
GUID-040	US	UTL	09/583,944	5/31/2000			METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PER
GUID-041	US	UTL	09/635,345	8/ 9/2000			APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR SU
GUID-041CIP	US	UTL	09/738,608	12/14/2000			APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR SU
GUID-041CON	US	UTL	09/779,715	2/ 8/2001			APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR CA
GUID-042	US	UTL	09/794,670	2/27/2001			METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PER
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